

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. Brazilian developments

a) War Minister Denys appears to be losing out in his efforts to prevent Goulart from assuming the presidency or to curtail Goulart's powers in that office;

b) Most of Denys' military supporters now believe that the only possible solution short of bloodshed is to make a direct compromise with Goulart whereby he would agree at least not to include the Communist party "in his government plans;"

c) Goulart, who reached Montevideo last evening, appears to be increasingly confident that he has sufficient support in Brazil and may not be willing to make concessions to the military;

d) Troop movements have been cited in the press but no actual clashes

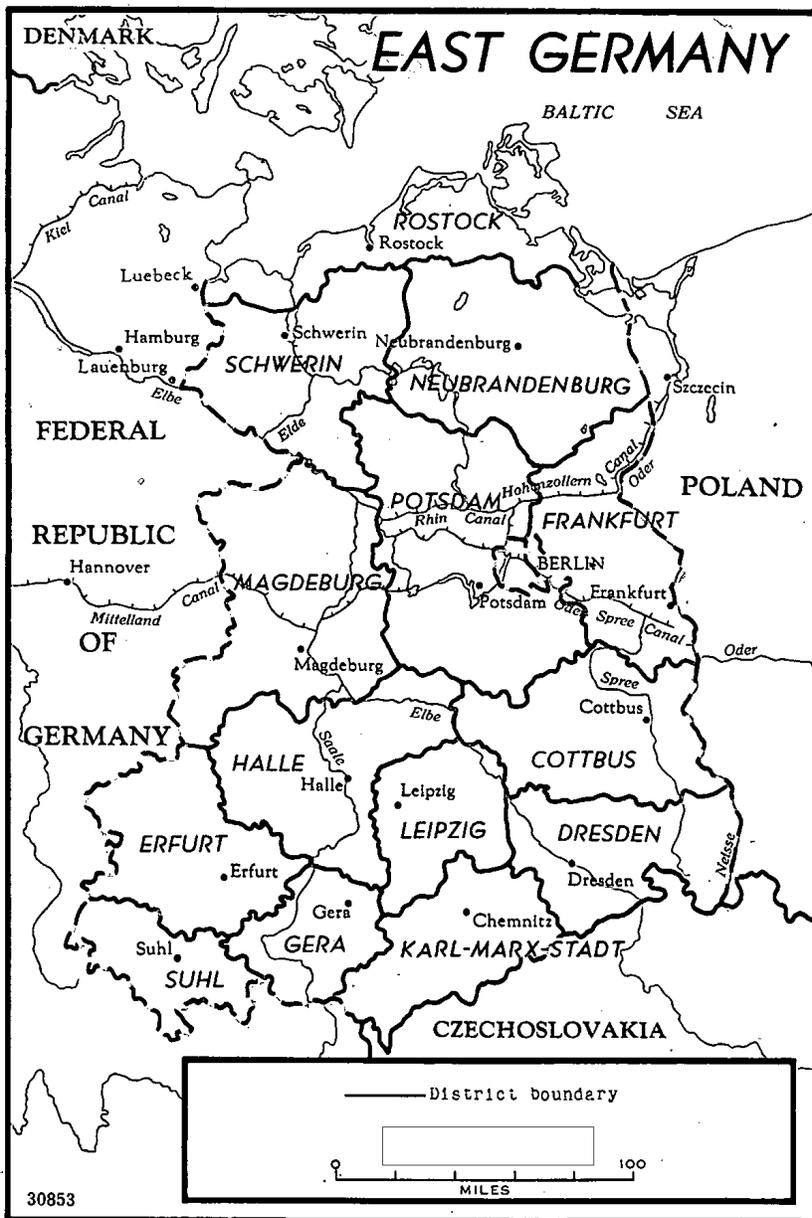
[redacted] as of early this morning; and

e) A meeting of state governors is planned for today in Brasilia to try to find a solution to the crisis.

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2. Berlin

As a final step in transforming the East-West zonal and Berlin sector borders into international frontiers, Ulbricht appears to be making preparations for promulgating a law--perhaps today--requiring all foreigners, including West Germans, to submit to passport and customs controls. A

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customs shed was hastily erected shortly after the 13 August seal-off at the Friedrichstrasse checkpoint and road barriers have [redacted] been prepared for the East-West German interzonal highway crossings at Luebeck and Lauenburg. Any such new move would probably not apply to officials and members of the three Western Powers traveling between West Germany and West Berlin but may be applied against their travel between West and East Berlin. [redacted]

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3. Soviet arms supply to the Middle East

UAR military personnel are being sent to the USSR for training on air-to-surface and short range surface-to-surface guided missiles. The UAR has already received Soviet air-to-air missiles and may have contracted for a surface-to-air type. [redacted]

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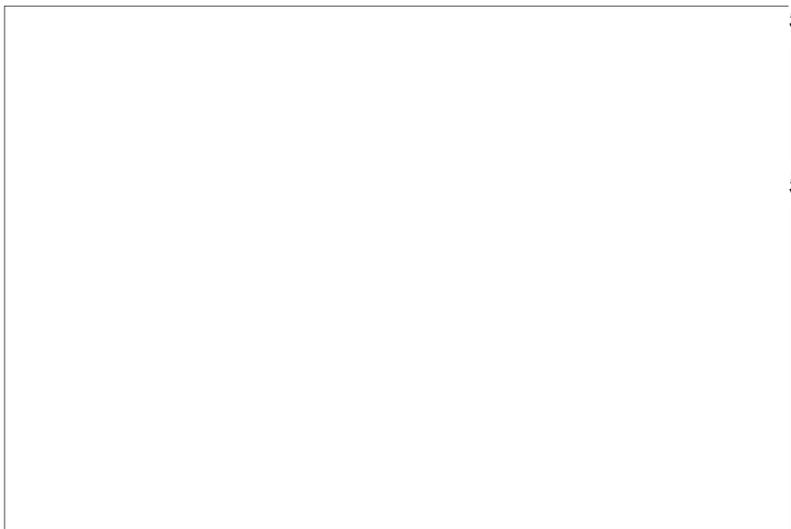
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they may press Moscow for additional aircraft and possibly missiles. [redacted]

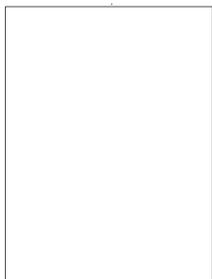
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5. Afghanistan threatens to sever relations with Pakistan



Kabul now plans to make the break unless Pakistan reconsiders its recent decision to close Afghan consulates and trade offices in Pakistan by 6 September. The Afghans apparently regard the closure as tantamount to a blockade despite Pakistani assurances that transit facilities would be maintained. If the Pakistani decision is not rescinded and relations are broken, Afghan trade with non-bloc countries will be at least temporarily disrupted and some may be diverted to the Soviet transit route. Kabul may welcome any disruption in US aid shipments to Afghanistan--which transit Pakistan--hoping that this would bring US intervention in the dispute.

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A. The opening session of the Belgrade conference of non-aligned nations heard speeches by Tito, who stressed the Tunisian-French problem, Sukarno, who advocated recognition of both East and West Germany, and Nasir, who said the Soviet decision to resume nuclear testing was a shock and would cause further deterioration of the international situation.

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B. As a precautionary move against any attempt to overthrow the Ethiopian regime while Haile Selassie is in Belgrade, about 200 persons suspected of disloyalty to the Emperor--including the president of the imperial court--have been arrested.

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C. Present activity in the Novaya Zemlya area indicates that a nuclear test could take place at an early date.

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D. Japanese labor federations, the Japanese Socialist party, and local farmers are planning demonstrations to protest US Marine artillery maneuvers scheduled to begin today at a range on the slopes of Mt. Fuji. Leftists will probably try to use the maneuvers to counter public reaction unfavorable to the USSR over its announcement on nuclear testing.

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